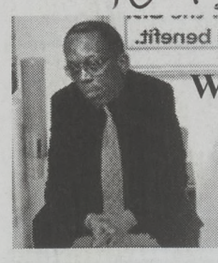
10-19-05



OPINION PG. 4
WAITING FOR DECMOCRACY
AMERICA LACKS ASSISTANCE IN BRNGING DEMOCRACY IN HAITI, WEST-AFRICA.

VALLEY LIFE PG. 6
DRUMS FOR RECREATION
REMO CENTER PROVIDES AN ALTERNATIVE TYPE OF ENTERTAINMENT.

SPORTS COVERAGE & MORE
CHECK OUT OUR ONLINE EDITION FOR THIS WEEK'S EXTENDED SPORTS COVERAGE.

GALLERY PG. 8
THE WATER SPIRIT
DSPS STUDENT STARTS HER NEW CHALLENGE WITH A LITTLE HELP.

WWW.LAVC.EDU WWW.LAVALLEYSTAR.COM

VALLEY STAR

THE INDEPENDENT STUDENT NEWSPAPER OF LOS ANGELES VALLEY COLLEGE

VOLUME 64, ISSUE NO. 5 OCTOBER 19, 2005 IT'S *YOUR* NEWSPAPER

SPECIAL ELECTION

Propositions Makes Election Special

■ Part one in a two-part series outlining the ballot propositions.

BY BRIAN DEAN
STAFF WRITER

California's ballot initiative process allows voters to directly accept or reject new laws. Individuals and organizations are constantly working toward reaching the requirements for qualifying an initiative. When an initiative qualifies during an odd year, in this case eight of them, the governor has the ability to call a special election rather than wait for the following year's general election.

Many different groups with wide-ranging agendas are making this election a fierce battle of ideas. With the election three weeks away, more than $200 million in advertising has already been spent on issues such as abortion, prescription drug coverage, teacher's tenure, and more. Here's a look at a few of the propositions on the ballot for Nov. 8.

73 Waiting Period and Parental Notification Before Termination of Minor's Pregnancy.

Proposition 73 is an initiative that, if approved, will amend the California Constitution to require that physicians notify the parent or legal guardian of a minor 48 hours prior to performing an abortion. While it does not require parental consent, the new law would require written notification be sent via certified mail or given to the parent directly.

"I wouldn't want to have someone take my daughter to a hospital for an abortion or something and not tell me," said Gov. Schwarzenegger in an interview with the Sacramento Bee. "I would kill him if they do that."

Proposition 73 supporters say it's all about a parent's right to know. They say parents have their child's best interests in mind, not clinics that profit from the abortion business. Pointing out the contradiction that a minor cannot obtain a flu shot or get a tooth pulled without a parent knowing, supporters also seek to reassure girls who may be affected by spotlighting the fact that the new law provides alternatives for special circumstances.

In case of a medical emergency, where the young woman's life or "impairment of a major bodily function" is at stake, the notification requirement would not apply. Also, a minor can seek a waiver of parental notification through a juvenile court, who would determine if the child is "sufficiently mature and well-informed" to make such a decision, or if parental notification is not in the child's best interests.

"You can't legislate good family relationships," said Cynthia Dailard, senior public policy associate at the Alan

see *'Election'* page 2

SEVAN GHAZARYAN / VALLEY STAR

READY TO SHIP - Valley's lack of a recycling program is raising concerns among students and faculty.

Valley Lacks Recycling Program

■ Participation and funding are blamed for Valley's unsuccessful past recycling plans.

BY MARC HOWARD
STAFF WRITER

Valley College is just making the grade with the state mandated recycling program with a few students trying to pitch in for higher marks.

California mandates that all state institutions recycle 50 percent of all industrial waste material, such as paper and trimmings from shrubs and plants and grass.

Valley recycles more than 60 percent of those materials, according to Vice President of Administrative Services Tom Jacobsmeyer.

Recycling bins in the campus library and other buildings help the campus meet its goals. But efforts to create a campus program for recycling glass, plastic and aluminum have failed.

"It's been tried several times before and has not been successful," said Jacobsmeyer. "It's not that [the administration] is not concerned, it's that it's not as easy as it sounds to set up a program."

Jacobsmeyer added that a campus-wide recycling program would be an expensive undertaking, requiring additional personnel. He also said that it's difficult to get the cooperation necessary to sustain such a program.

Associated Student Union Environmental Affairs Commissioner Rachel Davis has made it her main goal to set up a recycling program that includes glass, plastic and aluminum, but she is facing difficulties.

"There is a lot of work that goes into setting up a recycling program," said Davis. "You need the support of a lot of people, from the faculty and staff and from to the students." Davis went on to suggest that the student support is not there.

Some students and departments have made it their mission to recycle for the good of the environment and to raise a little cash.

"You need the support of a lot of people, from the faculty and staff and from to the students."
-ASU Environmental Affairs Commissioner Rachel Davis

Microbiology lab technician, Audra Labelle, is trying to help Valley improve its recycling grade. She has created a recycling program for the Life Sciences building where she works. She orders small recycling receptacles through the website www.bottlesandcans.com and places them in the classrooms and offices of the building.

"It should be a necessity for us to have a recycling program here," said Labelle. "Look at the amount of paper that's generated around here."

Labelle's program works. The microbiology department has been able to use the money generated from recycling to create a petty-cash fund to buy food for their animals so that professors don't have to dip into their pockets.

"I think we should be recycling here," said accounting major Lucy Jackson. "But honestly I think that even if there are recycling bins here, students are going to just toss their stuff in the nearest trash can."

A Helpful Handbook

■ The student handbook makes a return to Valley.

BY JACKIE CONLEY
STAFF WRITER

Students might think one of the most important books in their bag is their a textbook. However, there is one must-have book this year and it's free. After a two-year absence, the Valley College Student Handbook makes a comeback to campus packed full of new helpful information for students.

"We wanted the students to be aware of what services are available on campus," said Dr. Yasmin Delahoussaye, vice president of Student Affairs. "This is a large campus and we wanted to explore different ways to communicate."

The Student Handbook has been around since 2000. However, in the past, the book was mainly a calendar with no additional information. Dr. Delahoussaye had the idea to create the Franklin Covey style handbook but lacked the funds to produce them.

The money for the books this year came from the Financial Aid Department. Though, this would not have been possible if it weren't for the students' march in Pershing Square in Downtown Los Angeles, March of 2003, according to Delahoussaye.

In 2003-04 state budget cuts forced schools to cut back

see *'Handbook'* page 2

Campus Cafeteria $600,000 in the Red

ARTAK AYVAZAN / VALLEY STAR

OUT IN THE COLD - After losing nearly $600,000 over the past three years, Valley College pulled its contracts with the old vendors, leaving the college cafeteria almost empty while the college awaits vendors to provide hot and healthy food for Valley students.

■ Valley College looking for adequate vendors to fit students' needs.

BY WILL REYES
STAFF WRITER

Over the past three years the Valley College cafeteria amassed about $600,000 in losses, which led to the recent cancellation of the contract with its vendor.

"We suffered losses every year," said Raul Gonzalez, assistant vice president of administrative services. "That was money coming out of the general fund."

Valley terminated business with Hot Stuff Foods in September because the school was losing about $200,000 a year under the agreed business plan.

Hot Stuff, which franchised Mean Gene's Burgers, Hot Stuff

see *'Cafeteria'* page 2

CAMPUS CRIME

Basketball Assault

BY EDUARDO MORÁN
STAFF WRITER

Theft

Five CDs and a parking permit were stolen from an unlocked vehicle parked in lot G between 9:45 a.m. and 7 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 12. The victim stated he intentionally left his doors unlocked before leaving to class and football practice. When he returned the parking permit and the CDs were missing. No suspects or witnesses have been reported.

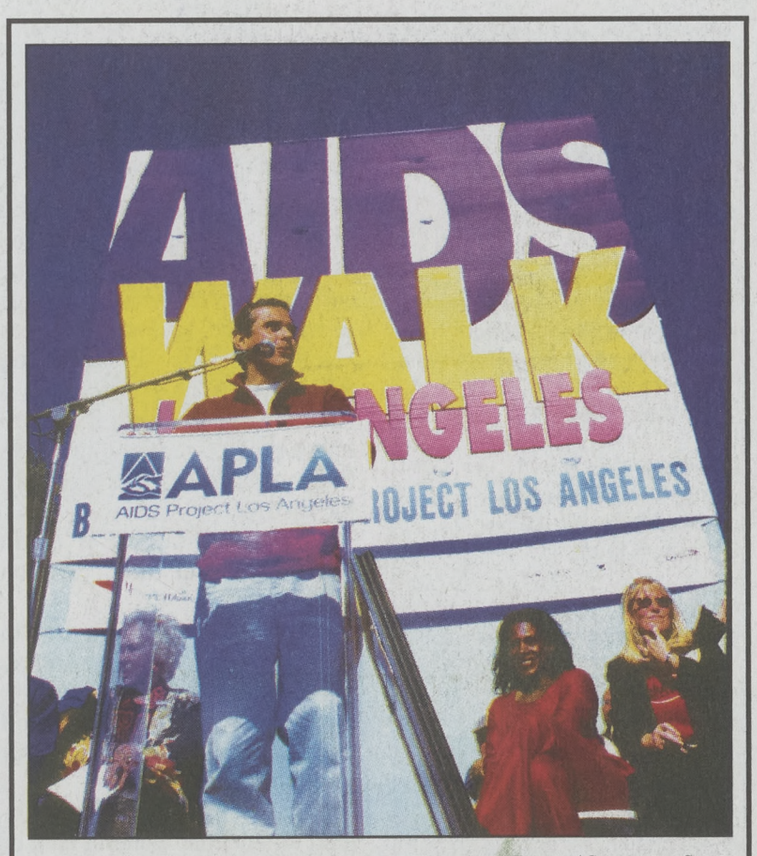
Vandalism

Thugs caused $1,400 in damage when they destroyed a vehicle parked in lot A between 11 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. Oct. 11. The victim noticed her rear window was shattered and her rear spoiler was missing when she returned to her vehicle at 4:30 p.m. She also discovered her vehicle's front mesh kit was broken with an unknown object and there was a rope with a hook placed on the mesh kit. Campus police conducted a search of the area but found no witnesses or suspects.

Assault

A man hit a woman in the head with a basketball Thursday, Oct. 13 at approximately 12:40 p.m. The man was harassing the woman and wouldn't leave her alone despite her ignoring him. He got frustrated and hit her. Campus police have no suspect.

The Valley College Sheriff's Department asks that anyone with information regarding any of these incidents please call the department at (818) 947-2911.



ALEX FAYVIL / SPECIAL TO STAR

WALKING FOR A CAUSE - More than 25,000 people, including Myor Anbtonio Villaraigosa, took the streets for AIDS Walk Los Angeles Sunday, Oct. 16. The proceeds from the walk benefit AIDS Project Los Angeles (APLA) and other local AIDS organizations.

NEWS

NEWS REEL

ELECTION RESULTS DELAYED:
Baghdad, Iraq – Election results delayed due to suspected ballot stuffing in most of the 18 provinces. Random recounts are being conducted.

12TH HURRICANE AROUND THE CORNER:
Miami, FL – Hurricane Wilma has become the 12th Atlantic hurricane this season and is predicted to hit the Gulf Coast by this weekend.

DEATH OF DANIEL HOROWITZ'S WIFE :
Martinez, Calif. – The bludgeoning death of Pamela Vitale, wife of renown attorney and legal analyst for CNN and MSNBC Daniel Horowitz, has led to a mistrial in one of her husband's murder cases. Horowitz is representing Susan Polk in the stabbing death of her husband. The case will be retried once the Vitale case is resolved according to Horowitz's co-counsel, Ivan Golde.

COUNTRY CLUB CLOSED:
Burbank – Police closed Country Club Drive due to flooding and mudslides after Monday's rain. This is the same area burned in last month's fires.

CAMPUS EYE

ASU Hurricane Katrina Fundraiser:

Raffle tickets - $1 each or $5 for 7.
Buy them at the LAVC Bookstore, Student Services(CC100A)
Or Academic Affairs. Raise funds for relief and get the chance to win an Ipod, Digital camera and mores.

STARS Workshop :

"The Diverse College: Dialogues in Community, Diversity, and Social Justice."
Friday Oct. 21
Campus Center, Fireside Room
9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

THINK TRANSFER

FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT THE CAREER TRANSFER CENTER AT (818) 947-2646

Wednesday, Oct. 19
Transfer Information Fair
Monarch Hall
10 a.m.-1 p.m.

Thursday, Oct. 20
CSUN Day
Transfer information Fair
Monarch Hall
10 a.m.-1 p.m. and 5 p.m.-7 p.m.

On-Site Fall 2006 Admissions
Monarch Hall
10 a.m-1 p.m. and 5 p.m.-7 p.m.

Application Workshops
Career Transfer Center
1 p.m.-2 p.m. and 5:30 p.m.-6:30 p.m.

Columbia University Admissions Presentation
Campus Center Fireside Room
4:30 p.m.- 6:30p.m.

Monday, Oct. 24
CSULA Representative
Career Transfer Center
10 a.m.-1 p.m.

Tuesday, Oct. 25
CSULA Representative
Career Transfer Center
4 p.m.-7p.m.

Wednesday, Oct. 26
CSUN Representative
Career Transfer Center
5 p.m.-7 p.m.

UCLA Representative
Career Transfer Center
9 a.m.-3p.m

'Handbook'

continued from page 1

on materials and supplies. The protest helped to increase the Financial Aid departments outreach and marketing promotional materials, which helped pay for handbooks. The 7500 books cost more than 30,000 dollars to produce and are free to new students during orientation. They are also available at Club Day every Wednesday in front of the campus center.

"What we get out of it is the satisfaction and the hope that it's useful for students...no other college has a handbook like this."

"What we get out of it is the satisfaction and the hope that it's useful for students," said Barbara Rolstan financial aid director for Valley. "No other college has a handbook like this," said Ralston.

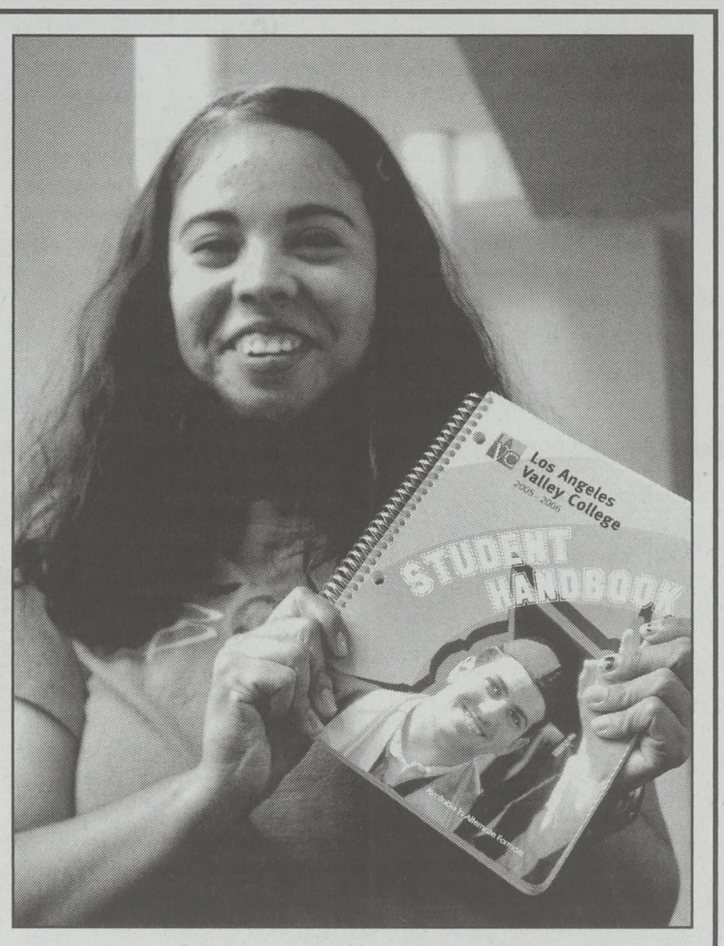
The book not only serves as an organizer, but also has information to help students define their educational goals and can help them plan their agenda for the school year. Their education budgeting, time management and how to petition grades. Additional information is also available on how to apply for financial aid.

"If students take the time to read it, they would find all the resources they could ever need to be successful," said Delahoussaye.

The back of the book contains spelling rules, punctuation, measurement and conversion tables, geometry formula and more.

Whether or not the books will be available each year remains to be seen. Ralston says at this time she can't make the commitment to fund the books.

"It's very useful," said student Liann Miliano. "These books should be available every year and never be cut out of the budget."



MARIA LOW / VALLEY STAR
KEEPING IT TOGETHER - Twenty-two-year-old liberal studies major shows off her Student Handbook that she uses for her weekly assignments, projects and to record her personal goals.

'Election'

continued from page 1

Guttmacher Institute, in a news release outlining the risks of forced notification. The Guttmacher Institute is an organization geared toward research, policy analysis and public education of sexual and reproductive health.
Opponents of Proposition 73 emphasize the potential harm in placing obstacles between scared, pregnant teens and their choice to get an abortion. They fear these barriers may lead to dangerous self-induced and back-alley abortions. Along with an increase in second-trimester abortions, a more risky procedure even when performed by an experienced physician, these acts of desperation may result when young women, afraid of confronting their parents, seek alternatives or wait too long for a proper procedure.

78 Discounts on Prescription Drugs.

79 Prescription Drug Discounts. State-Negotiated Prices.

Proposition 73 is the culmination of decades of legal battles. In 1953, a state law was enacted which allowed minors to receive similar pregnancy services as adults without parental notification or consent. That law was changed in 1987 by the state Legislature, requiring that a minor obtain consent to have an abortion from a parent or a court. In 1997, the California Supreme Court struck down the new law, having never been implemented.

Dueling propositions 78 and 79 focus on an issue many Americans feel strongly about: discount programs for prescription drugs. Though the differences on paper are understated, politics will make the distinction much more significant at the ballot box.

Eligibility requirements are comparable; individuals who earn less than $29,000 annually, or $58,000 for a family of four, qualify for Proposition 78; whereas $38,000 for individuals and $77,000 for families of four are the limits of Proposition 79.

Both plans exclude people with drug coverage through Medi-Cal and Healthy Families. Proposition 78 goes further to exclude also those who have coverage through third-party payers, or any other program supported with state or federal funds, except Medicare. Application and renewal fee is $15 for Proposition 78 and $10 for Proposition 79.

The differences emerge with the addition of Proposition 79's pro-consumer provisions. It creates the Prescription Drug Advisory Board to review drug prices and make sure state residents have access to the drugs. It changes state law by establishing penalties for companies who engage in profiteering from drug sales. Proposition 78 has no such provisions.

Not surprisingly, Proposition 78 is favored by the drug industry. Pfizer, Johnson & Johnson, Merck & Co., and Glaxosmithkline have contributed large sums to its support.

By contrast, supporters of Proposition 79 include the California Alliance for Retired Americans, the League of Women Voters of California and Consumers Union, the publisher of Consumer Reports.

In late August, a Field Poll asked likely voters how they would vote on the two proposals. For Proposition 78, 49 percent said 'yes' and 31 percent said 'no;' for Proposition 79, 42 percent said 'yes' and 34 percent said 'no.' However, upon learning who supports each proposition, the change was staggering: 19 percent were more likely to vote 'yes' and 44 percent more likely to vote 'no' on Proposition 78, while 40 percent were more likely to vote 'yes' and 24 percent more likely to vote 'no' on Proposition 79. If both propositions pass, which ever has the greater number of votes will go into effect.

80 Electric Service Providers. Regulation.

The last issue on the ballot this November is Proposition 80, a complex set of rule changes for electric service providers. This plan has five main provisions, including restrictions on consumers and new conditions for how electricity suppliers conduct business.

Proposition 80 subjects electric service providers to control and regulation by the California Public Utilities Commission, effectively undoing much of the deregulation performed during the 1990s. According to legislative analysis, the proposal also requires all retail electricity sellers to "increase renewable energy procurement by 1 percent each year," and moves the target date from 2017 to 2010 by which 20 percent of all retail sales of energy should be acquired from renewable sources.

Proposition 80 is supported by the Utility Reform Network, the Consumer Federation of California and the Alliance for a Better California; it is opposed by the energy industry, including Constellation Energy Group Inc., APS Energy Services Inc., and Strategic Energy LLC.

For More Information A bout he Initiatives:
Please visit the California Secretary of State's website
@
www.ss.ca.gov
more valuable details and analysis can be found
@
www.realclearpolitics.com
www.smartvoter.org
cal-access.ss.ca.gov

'Cafeteria'

continued from page 1

Pizza and provided the food products and supplies, left the college in charge of most of the services. Valley was in charge of hiring and paying employees – some of which were receiving $15 an hour plus benefits – a situation that made it difficult to turn a profit, according to James Watson, contract manager for the district.

"The logistics of it didn't allow for cheap food," Watson said.

The cafeteria was forced to raise prices to limit the losses. Faced with the more expensive menu, many students didn't use the cafeteria and the losses accumulated.

Poor sales were also attributed to students' general lack of knowledge about the cafeteria.

"I've never eaten at the cafeteria," said Valley student Kristine Khatchatrian. "Actually, I don't even know where it is."

Since the cancellation of Hot Stuff's contract, Valley has been temporarily leasing the cafeteria to Deli, Depot and More which has been serving food since Sept. 6 but is not allowed to prepare food on campus because of its temporary status. Deli, Depot and More offers a variety of lunch and dinner sandwiches.

The cafeteria is relatively empty. With a lack of signs and hot food to attract students, most spend their time studying or just hanging out.

"I mostly spend my time in here with a soda and some friends," graphic design major Francis Medel said. "Ever since they took out the hot food I'm just not interested in eating here."

Most students welcome the idea of eating affordable food on campus, especially with their busy schedules. "If they had good food I would definitely eat there," sociology major Luis Merlos said. "I don't always have time to go eat after school and before work, so it would be great."

Students' interest has dropped since the cafeteria's switch. "I ate there twice before and the food was OK," Merlos said. "But I haven't gone back since the food changed."

Despite the slump, the college has decided to keep its lease with Deli, Depot and More for the fall and spring semesters, said Gonzalez. He added that Valley needs to provide food on campus until a new vendor is found.

The Los Angeles Community College District has hired a consultant to research the best options for its nine campus cafeterias and will put in a bid for services at the end of the school year, according to Gonzalez.

"After they put in their bid, we can decide to go with their choice or use our own," Gonzalez said. "Until then we're hoping things work well with Deli, Depot and More."

Staff Writer Greg Kandaharian contributed to this article.

VALLEY STAR STAFF

EDITOR IN CHIEF
ZABIE MANSOORY

PHOTO EDITOR
DAN VILLASENOR

COPY EDITORS
KATHY ARELLANO
HOLLY DARE

OPINION EDITOR
MAGGIE OWNBEY

VALLEY LIFE EDITOR
TAMMY FUNICELLO

ONLINE EDITOR
LAGINA PHILLIPS

STAFF WRITERS
BRIAN DEAN
JACKIE CONLEY
JESUS ESQUIVEL
CHRISTOPHER GARCIA
MARC HOWARD
JOEL HUBER
GREG KANDAHARIAN
CARLOS LOPEZ
EDUARDO MORÁN
LYNDSAY PHILLIPS
WILL REYES
NICHOLAS SANTONI

STAFF PHOTOGRAPHERS
ARTAK AYCAZYAN
SEVAN GHAZARYAN
MARIA LOW
NINA BRUCKNER
MELANIE SALDAÑA

ADVERTISING MANAGER
NANCY KENNEDY

ADVISERS
BILL DAUBER
ROD LYONS

TheValleyStar@yahoo.com
www.LAValleyStar.com
(818) 947-2576

The Valley Star is published by students of the Journalism and Photography classes as a learning experience, offered under the college journalism instructional program. Editorial and Advertising Offices are located at 5800 Fulton Avenue, Valley Glen, CA 91401, (818) 947-2576. Under appropriate state and federal court decisions these materials are free from prior restraint by virtue of the First Amendment to the United States Constitution. Materials published herein, including any opinions expressed and advertisements should not be interpreted as the position of the Los Angeles Community College District, the college, or any office or employee thereof. **Editorials** are the opinion of the editorial board only and do not necessarily represent those of the entire staff. **Columns** are the opinion of the writer. **Letters** are the opinions of the reader.

For more stories and photos, go online to **www.lavalleystar.com**

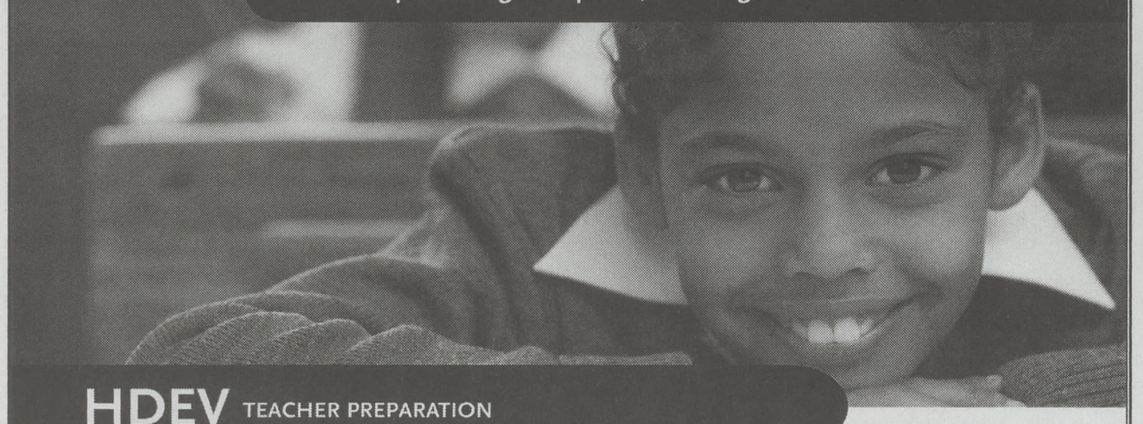
Advertise in the Valley Star
Call: (818)947-2576
E-mail:
valleystarads @ yahoo.com

ARTAK AYVAZYAN / VALLEY STAR
CAPOEIRA - With help of ASU, MECHa, the Dance Club and the College Diversity Committee, celebrated Chicano/Latino heritage Oct. 12 at Manarch Square. The event started at 11 a.m. and ended at 6 p.m. and featured the film, "A Place Called Chiapas," a presentation on Capoeira, a Brazilian martial art form, and Salsa dancing.

Advertise in the Valley Star
Call Valley Star Advertising
(818) 947-2576

$100 - $300 Daily
Become A Certified
BARTENDER!
40 Hour Course * Hands On Training
Job Placement * Interest-Free Payment Plans
National Bartenders School
(818) 783-0300
www.bartendingworld.com

teaching tip #59
Some superstars get trophies, others get smiles.



HDEV TEACHER PREPARATION

If you have not yet completed your bachelor's degree and are at least 22 with 60 college units:

APU can help you earn your degree one night a week for 18 months, and become a teacher through our human development (HDEV) program. APU offers an innovative, alternative degree completion program designed to provide preparation for prospective elementary school and special education teachers. Once your degree is completed, APU offers 35 opportunities at seven Southern California locations for you to become a better coach, counselor, teacher, or administrator.

Seven convenient locations:
- Azusa
- Murrieta
- High Desert
- Orange County
- Inland Empire
- San Diego
- Ventura

To schedule a personal appointment or attend an information meeting:
CALL (626) 815-5301
CLICK www.apu.edu/explore/caps
EMAIL ktice@apu.edu

AZUSA PACIFIC UNIVERSITY
K-12, bachelor's to doctorate, we know teaching.
0905

The path you choose today can lead to tomorrow's success.

State Compensation Insurance Fund

If you're ready to apply your knowledge and skills in the post-graduation job market, then toss your hat in with State Fund.

State Fund, the leading workers' compensation insurance carrier in California, is interested in graduates seeking opportunity and stability. We offer a wide range of positions throughout California, plus an environment that will foster your continued growth.

At State Fund you'll find exceptional benefits, professional training to expand your horizons, and many advancement possibilities.

Learn how you can join us by visiting www.scif.com or by contacting Human Resources at 415-565-1722. Then launch your career with State Fund and rise to new heights.

Career opportunities may be available in:
- Marketing
- Communications
- Underwriting
- Claims
- Loss Control
- Business Services
- Customer Service
- Legal
- Information Technology
- Finance and Accounting
- Human Resources
- Administration

STATE COMPENSATION INSURANCE FUND

State Fund is an equal opportunity employer.

ANOTHER BENEFIT TO OUR ONLINE EDITION:

FIND CASH FOR COLLEGE.

Click on the scholarships link on the top bar of our site, and browse a scholarship search to connect with over 650,000 scholarship awards, worth $2.5 billion.

Visit www.lavalleystar.com

powered by: BrokeScholar

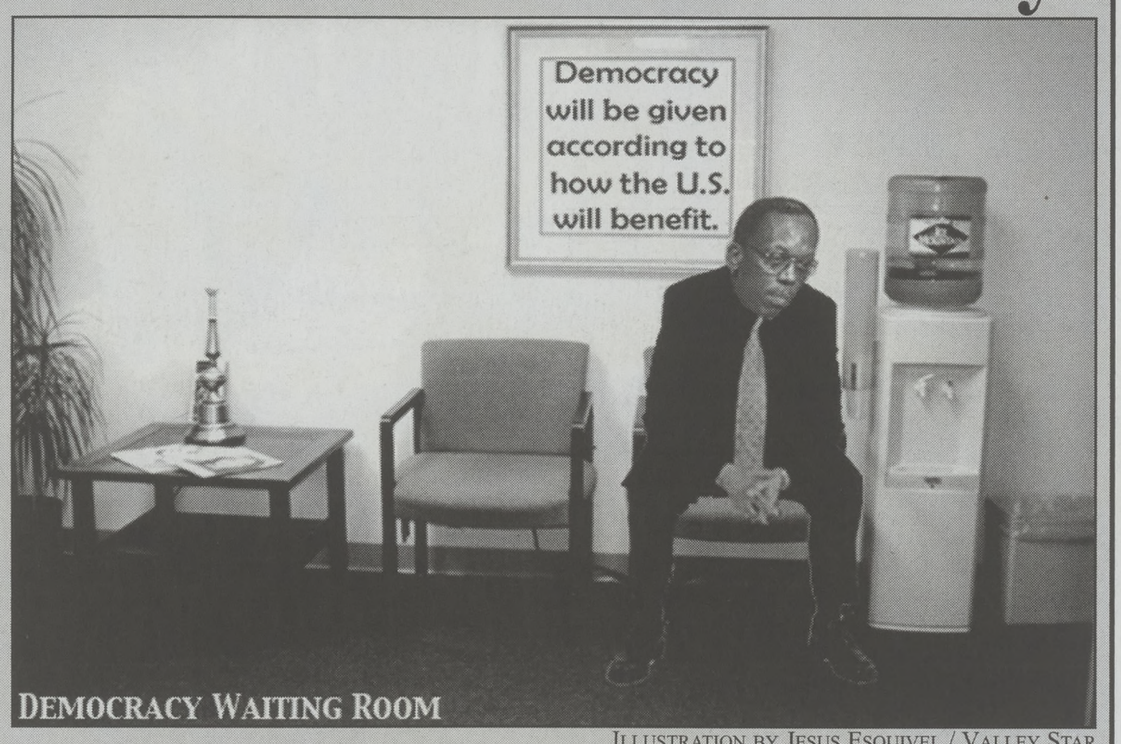
■ **Make your voice heard! Participate in the online poll at *www.lavalleystar.com***

OPINION

Brothers in Blood and Liberty

■ America's undeniable links to Haiti.

BY BRIAN DEAN
STAFF WRITER



DEMOCRACY WAITING ROOM

ILLUSTRATION BY JESUS ESQUIVEL / VALLEY STAR

As proud of our liberty as Americans tend to be, most are unaware of the extent to which other people contributed to making the country what it is today. This general ignorance compounds the plight of African-Americans whose closest connection to their ancestry lies unrecognized, just a few hundred miles from the tip of Florida. Haiti, the poorest nation in our hemisphere, deserves much more respect from her American neighbors.

During Haiti's final years as the French colony of St. Domingue, nearly 70 percent of the slaves there were African-born. Taken from the same areas, including most of the West African coast from Senegal to Angola, blacks in eighteenth century St. Domingue and eighteenth century America might have been brothers, sisters and cousins. Torn apart by slavery, these familial bonds were never to be repaired, but for African-Americans researching their heritage, it would be worthwhile to include Haiti when tracing steps back through time.

In October 1779, American forces accompanied by thousands of black volunteers from St. Domingue fought to take Savannah back from British control. They were unsuccessful, but these volunteers were fighting for America's freedom from British colonial rule even while their own friends and families were still enslaved. Would Americans today give thanks to the descendants of their black freedom fighters? Maybe, if they were taught the whole truth about their fight for liberty.

Eight years after Americans had finally won their independence, slaves in St. Domingue began the largest revolt in history. The Haitian Revolution, as history calls it, further legitimized the American Revolution as another struggle to end colonial rule. It set the stage for future revolutions throughout the Americas. It was also a contributing factor to the Louisiana Purchase. Defeated in the Caribbean, Napoleon was forced to abandon his ambitions for a French presence on the continent of North America.

But the Southern states didn't think highly of an entire nation of free blacks in their backyard, and thus began America's cold shoulder to the Haitians. To this day, the American people just haven't cared that much. The irony is that at the time, the South was deeply concerned about Haiti. For fear of revolutionary ideas spreading, they watched events in Haiti very closely until it became useless after the Civil War.

When President Jean-Bertrand Aristide was forced from power in February 2004, American attention waned within a few weeks. The U.S. State Department claims its policy toward the nation is to "foster and strengthen democracy" but indicates no intention of restoring the democratically elected leader.

Sadly, the inescapable bonds that tie America to Haiti continue to go unappreciated. American apathy toward all things foreign will ensure that. It's just a shame it has to happen to a nation so crucial to our existence. Perhaps if more Americans traveled abroad empathy for other nations would take hold.

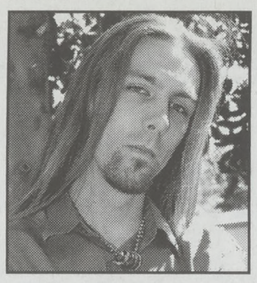
Campus View

Should teachers sell their own textbooks?

PHOTOS BY MARIA LOW

"I think that it benefits, it's their own personal knowledge. Their tips, tricks and experience."

Shana Dickson
Business Major



"It depends on the professor. I think it's absolutely all right, it shows that the teacher takes an interest in passing on their knowledge."

Justin Benti
Foreign Language Major

"This is a capitalist society, if a teacher chooses to teach out of their own book it's their choice. It's someone who knows the subject."

Justine Woodford
Undecided Major

"It's creating demand and supply,[they] have a product and force people to buy. It's a great angle. Maybe they need to supplement their income, such is the way of the world."

Luke Jennings
Undecided Major

The Indecent Proposition

■ Prop. 73 would require doctors to notify the parents of minors 48 hours before an abortion.

BY JESUS ESQUIVEL
STAFF WRITER

How could this have happened to me?

Will everything be alright?

Should I keep it?

Emotions stir and spirituality come to the fore.

Unless you've had an abortion, you can't imagine how trying the ordeal becomes. Whoever authored Proposition 73 must have no idea what it's like to be a desperate, emotionally fragile young girl with a secret to hide. My guess is it was a man.

Prop. 73 would amend the California Constitution to require that health care providers notify parents or legal guardians when non-emancipated minors want abortions.

After notification, minors would wait 48 hours before services could be provided. However, parental consent would still not be required.

Minors who don't want to tell their parents could ask a judge for a waiver. If granted, the minor would still wait 48 hours before receiving services and the waiver would be filed with the state public records.

In addition, physicians will be required to report abortions to the state where numbers would be compiled to form statistics.

Gov. Schwarzenegger backs Prop. 73 and during an interview in September said, "I wouldn't want to have someone take my daughter to a hospital for an abortion or something and not tell me…I would kill him if they do that."

Perhaps after thinking about how many physicians have been killed over the issue, the governor said he did not mean it literally.

Despite the governor's strong stance, Planned Parenthood, NARAL Pro-Choice California and the ACLU all oppose the initiative. Many other medical and civil rights organizations have also spoken out against it.

The American Academy of Pediatrics believes that, "mandating parental notification does not achieve the intended benefit of promoting family communication, but it does increase the risk of harm to the adolescent by delaying access to appropriate care."

What the governor fails to see is that this initiative will not reduce abortions or encourage family communication.

Some young women can't speak to their parents about sensitive subjects like abortion without potentially harmful consequences like physical abuse or alienation from the family. The proposition might cause minors to seek dangerous alternatives to eliminate their pregnancy.

A judge would deem minors worthy of a waiver based on convincing evidence that the child is mature and of sound mind to elect to have an abortion.

The courts would also look at the best interests of the unemancipated minor. If evidence of physical, sexual or emotional abuse is present, the court would bring the information to the attention of the proper child protective agency.

The California Supreme Court struck down parental notification laws in 1997 on the grounds that the action is unconstitutional, a violation of privacy and poses a threat to a young woman's health.

Despite all this, Prop 73. will be on the Nov. 8 ballot for California to decide.

Some argue that children can't take an aspirin in school with out parental consent, but if they go into a clinic for an abortion no one has to know about it.

Taking an aspirin isn't something you keep a secret and no one has ever been killed for giving a minor headache medicine either.

Throwing the Book at ... All the Wrong People

■ Board rule would prohibit exchange of money between instructors and students.

BY JESUS ESQUIVEL
STAFF WRITER

If the Los Angeles Community College Board of Trustees adopts a rule then drops it right away, it proves the measure was a bad idea.

On Sept. 21, LACCD adopted Board Rule 6416, which prohibits instructors from engaging in financial transactions with students. After meeting strong opposition from teachers the rule was pulled by Chancellor Darroch F. Young.

The measure was focused on the exchange of money for textbooks sold by instructors.

LACCD felt a sort of mini-monopoly takes place when teachers write and sell books for their classes, as if students are forced to buy the book while teachers bathe in profits.

"I just do it to save students money," Valley College statistics instructor Mike Gardner said. "If I sold the workbooks through the book store they would jack-up the price, but if that's what it comes to, I'll play ball."

If the textbooks instructors sell their students were to go through the campus bookstore they would be marked up at least 29 percent in order to cover overhead. LACCD should be concerned with the best interests of their students. Students already have to deal with the recent unit price increase (to $27), skyrocketing gas prices, and the always-high cost of regular textbooks and other materials. Why not give them a break?

"[The practice] was probably abused somewhere and now they want to make it a blanket thing, I think cases like that should be dealt with individually," said speech professor Jim Marteney.

The rule would have affected nine Southern California community colleges and would have made some school activities like field trips and special events awkward and legally complicated.

"We might order some food for the class in a week," said Marteney. "Am I going to have to get an intermediary to pay for the food?" Another issue with students is that the books instructors sell are usually cheaper than regular textbooks because often teachers sell books that have been photo copied. The measure might have had classes conspiring to buy one book and make copies.

Not all students believe that instructors that sell their books are opportunistic tycoons. Valley student Robert Gudieo said, "The instructors sell books for your benefit. Ultimately it's to help you with your education."

Reduce Racism? Abort Ignorance

■ William "Book of Virtues" Bennett's controversial comments spark anger.

BY WILL REYES
STAFF WRITER

Should racism be seen as acceptable just because we have free speech?

Do we really need to condone statements like those of former U.S Education Secretary William Bennett who presented the idea that the act of aborting all black babies would lower crime in today's America?

The answer is no.

Bennett, an authority on moral issues for millions of Americans and the author of "The Book of Virtues," set the wrong example of morally acceptable speech during his "Morning in America" radio show.

As Americans we have the right to say what we feel, but when one is seen as a role model for millions, setting standards to live by, one shouldn't promote racist views.

Bennett made the comments in response to a caller's question about a recent book - "Freakonomics" By Steven D. Levitt and Stephen J. Dubner – in which the authors proposed the idea that an increase in the rate of abortions would lower the crime rate.

"I do know that it's true that if you wanted to reduce crime, you could, if that were your sole purpose, you could abort every black baby in this country, and your crime rate would go down," Bennett said.

He then said that would be "an impossible, ridiculous and morally reprehensible thing to do, but your crime rate would go down."

For Bennett to single out a particular race and imply that black babies are inherently inclined to commit crimes is ignorant and puts the blame on color, ignoring the poverty factor in high crime rates. Many black people and other minority groups live in poor conditions.

Poverty is much more relevant to the rate of crime than skin color or race. The real issue at hand isn't abortion or crime, it's the uneducated racist assumptions of people like Bennett that are wrong.

Bennett, who hasn't accepted responsibility for the racist tones of his remarks, addressed the growing controversy during a public speech in Bakersfield on Oct. 9, his first since the comments, but directed the blame at the media and refused to apologize.

"I was putting forward a bad argument in order to put it down," Bennett said in The Los Angeles Times. "They reported and emphasized only the abhorrent argument, not my shooting it down."

Some people in attendance at his speech disagreed. "He heard our outrage and our hurt, but he didn't say he was sorry," said Irma Carson, a Bakersfield councilwoman. "We didn't take [his comments] out of context, because there's no context in which those comments would fit."

Students at Valley College are among many across America who are surprised at the shocking comments.

"Wow, I can't believe he said that," said accounting major Andrew Matsusaka. "That's a bold statement that sounds really racist."

The anger was felt across the country and angered both Democrats and Republicans.

"This is precisely the kind of insensitive, hurtful and ignorant rhetoric that Americans have grown tired of," said Rep. Bobby Rush, D-Illinois in a recent CNN.com article.

White House press secretary Scott Mclellan also told reporters that President Bush "believes the comments were inappropriate."

It's time people stop hiding behind free speech in issues of blatant racism. That right needs to be respected, not used to spread ignorance. To put the emphasis on race when attempting to explain crime is wrong, no matter how you look at it.

Americans should give Bennett some moral advice about that.

Metro Orange Line

It's a grand event on October 29!

Breeze from Warner Center to North Hollywood on the Valley's new shortcut. No traffic jams. No blocked lanes. Just a smooth, brisk ride at a fraction of the cost of driving.

Free Entertainment! Family Fun!
Saturday only, 9 am – 4 pm

You're Invited to Ride Free!*

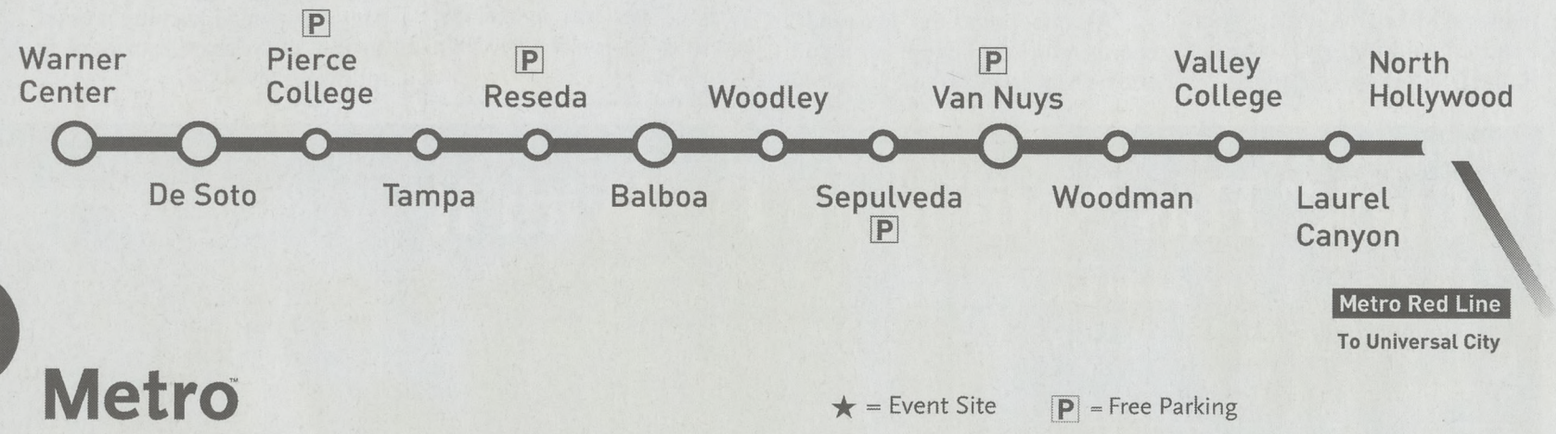
Saturday, October 29
6am – 8pm

Sunday, October 30
5am – Midnight

Festivities at 5 stations:

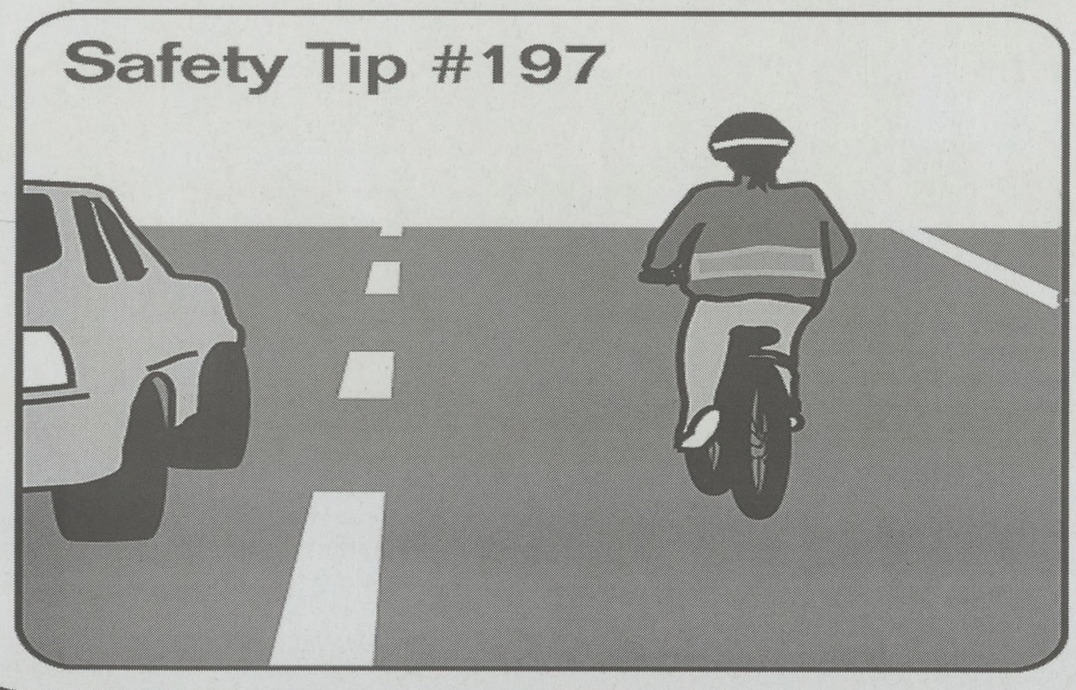
North Hollywood	Metro Experience, an interactive mobile theater; Performances by MKM Dance Studios, Joy Theatre, Scott Detweiler & Band, Kelly's Lot, The BoneSharks, Walter Reed Middle School Jazz Band; Performing arts, entertainment booths and Kids' Corner.
Van Nuys	Live mariachi music by "Mariachi Plata"; Grant High School's jazz band, pep band and "One Light" Latin band; Bouncer, face painting, strolling balloon artist and clown.
Balboa	REI booth with free bike safety checks and raffle drawings; Performance by Woodcrest School Chorus; DJ spinning music and Kid's Corner.
De Soto	Halloween Harvest Festival at Pierce College accessible from De Soto Station. Corn mazes, petting zoo, pony ride, bungee jumps, hayride and even a haunted house and trail.
Warner Center	KOST 103.5 live remote; Carter & Burgess Halloween Parade at 1 pm featuring children and pets in costume; Metro Experience safety video; Chivas Soccer Street Team with inflatable soccer play area; El Camino High School Marching Band; Kids' Corner.

* Free fare on Metro Orange Line only, Oct. 29 & 30 only. Regular fares apply on all Metro Rail, Metro Rapid and Metro Local lines.
Entertainment schedule subject to change



Metro™

06-0676



Take the Lane

Bicyclists: If a lane is too narrow to safely share with a car, ride in the middle of the lane. It's legal and safe!

VALLEY LIFE

WEDNESDAY TO TUESDAY

Wednesday, Oct. 19

Screening of "When the Storm Came" and "Born into Brothels"
Academy's Linwood Dunn Theater in Hollywood
7:30 p.m.
Free
(310) 247-3000

Spike Lee
Book Soup
7 p.m.
Free
(310) 659-3110

Thursday, Oct. 20

Linda Perry
The Roxy Theatre
9 p.m.
$18
(310) 278-9457

Friday, Oct. 21

Gwen Stefani
Hollywood Bowl
$30-$125
8 p.m.
(323) 850-2000

Weezer
Santa Barbara Bowl
$20.50-$32.50
7 p.m.
(805) 962-7411

Movie Releases:
"Doom" (R)
"Dreamer" (PG)
"North Country" (R)

Saturday, Oct. 22

KZLA's Country Bash
Verizon Wireless Ampitheater
$34.50-$125.50
1 p.m.
(949) 855-8096

Sunday, Oct. 23

Jay Leno
Comedy and Magic Club
7 p.m.
(310) 372-1193

Monday, Oct. 24

Amy Tan
Dutton's Books
7 p.m.
Free
(310) 281-0997

Tuesday, Oct. 25

DVD Releases:
"Alias-The Complete Fourth Season"
"The L Word-The Complete Second Season"

Career/Transfer Center

Wednesday, Oct 19
Transfer Information Fair
10 a.m.-1 p.m.
Monarch Square

Thursday, Oct. 20
CSUN Day Information Fair
Monarch Square
10 a.m.-1 p.m.
5 p.m.- 7 p.m.
CSUN Fall 2006 On-Site Admissions
Monarch Hall
10 a.m.-1 p.m.
5 p.m.-7 p.m.
Application Workshops
Career/Transfer Center
1-2 p.m.
5:30-6:30 p.m.
Columbia University Presentation
Campus Center Fireside Room
5:30 p.m.

MELANIE SALDAÑA / VALLEY STAR

SAMBA CIRCLE - A group of students practice Samba rythms at Remo's North Hollywood Studio.

Remo Supremo

■ Drum Center is a great place to learn and make noise.

BY JESUS ESQUIVEL
STAFF WRITER

As you walk in, the floor is rumbling and your chest is beating. The pounding sound is bouncing off the walls like a stampede of charging bison from a familiar western. Once inside the main room, you see what is causing all the commotion: it's just little kids making some big noise.

This was all taking place at the Remo Recreation Music Center, vision of Weatherking drumhead pioneer Remo D. Belli. His drumheads and percussion instruments are world famous yet he showed up to the music center in North Hollywood last Saturday to watch a bunch of kids play his drums for free.

The Remo drumhead manufacturing facilities were in North Hollywood for 38 years. "We were right here, on Raymer," Belli said as he pointed in the direction of the street, "Then we moved the location to Valencia in 1995." In a way the center stayed behind.

"At first they didn't know what to do with the place," said manager Mike DeMenno, "Then I started working here and I got it, the true vision."

The vision is the wonder of drums.

DeMenno spoke passionately about the moving abilities music and particularly drums have on people. "Whole families that can't talk to one another come in here and leave excited and happy."

He said that Remo feels that drums are a powerful force so much so that "You could come in here with another brand of drums and he won't care, he'll just be happy there is a drum in your hand."

> "Whole families that can't talk to one another come in here and leave excited and happy."
>
> *- Manager Mike DeMenno*

This energy and love for music exuded from DeMenno when he played the role of drum circle facilitator in front of 50 children with glowing faces whose ages ranged from 1 to 10.

Among the excitement DeMenno managed to keep their attention by chanting during the circles and coming up with fun percussion games.

At one point the fun and energy got him behind a piano and he beat some 50's rock chord progressions to accompany the pounding of drums.

"This place is great," said newcomer Maribel Villalobos, "The kids can just let out all their energy and have fun making music."

But the Remo Recreational Music Center isn't just for the kids.

The facility is best known for hosting the free weekly drum circle for grown-ups on Tuesday nights and they have expanded to offer pay events like seminars, clinics, concerts, classes, workshops and wellness programs, all open to the public.

"This place is like any recreational center, except there is no gym or ping pong tables but there are drums and they're here for everyone to play," said DeMenno.

The Remo Recreation Music Center is located on 7308 Coldwater Canyon, North Hollywood. For a full schedule of events you can call (818) 982-0461 or log on to www.remo.com/rmc.

FOR THE RECORD

Last weeks story "Public Speaking: A Feat Worse Than Death" (Oct. 12), implied that Carolyn Bates was in multiple tournaments when she had only been in one.

Quiet on the Set — That's an Order

BY MAGGIE OWNBEY
OPINION EDITOR

Enlist in boot camp this fall and you just might find yourself being deployed—to a film set of a major studio.

The sixth edition of the Production Assistant Boot Camp is now enlisting recruits for Saturday, Oct. 29, at Valley College's Campus Center lower level. The five-week program is free to all Los Angeles Community College District students who are serious about a career in the film industry.

"It was an experience of a lifetime," said Valley alumna Maayan Polus. "I think the P.A. Boot Camp is mandatory for survival in the entertainment industry."

Polus said the program opened her eyes to many different avenues of production and gave her the opportunity to explore different positions in filmmaking. She added that it looks good on a résumé and helped land her a job at Disney Studios, where she works for Buena Vista Home Entertainment in the publicity department.

The first P.A. Boot Camp meeting begins promptly at 9 a.m. and will be a general overview of the industry, followed by an interview session and the selection of candidates who will be part of the class.

Students should bring their résumé, proof of enrollment at an LACCD college, and the contact number of a faculty member for a reference.

New recruits will be notified on Monday, Oct. 31 if they are accepted—which means a commitment to attend from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. for the next four Saturdays.

By the end of the sessions, students will have a working knowledge of how a production operates in the office, on the set, and during post-production.

This "how to" course teaches the practical side of a P.A.'s duties, including writing call sheets, using walkie-talkies, working with background actors, making production reports, handling mid-day company moves and keeping it quiet on the set when the camera is rolling.

In addition, students will learn about breaking into the biz, keeping a job, creating opportunities for a promotion and knowing when to move on, according to Boot Camp instructor Dan Watanabe.

"The new Boot Camp will be held primarily at Valley," said Watanabe, adjunct professor of broadcasting and media arts at Valley, "but will also include a visit to a studio."

Watanabe added that although the names have not been set in stone, guest speakers would most likely include: script supervisor Andra Hayes, producer for Lifetime movies Ken Sanders and development executives Wendy Mogul and Donovan Jacobs.

Watanabe teaches the boot camp's entrepreneurial end — the corporate part, which includes development, and Greg Zekowski teaches the practical end—the on-set stuff.

The course is a specially funded program of the LACCD paid for through an award from the California Community Colleges Chancellor's office, economic and workforce development division and the generous support of Workplace Hollywood, according to Royston Thomas, associate dean of special projects LACCD.

"The P.A. Boot Camps were started to introduce students to the world of actually working in the entertainment industry," said Thomas. "Our colleges do a great job of teaching how to be a cinematographer, director and designer, but no one gets hired out of colleges into those positions—they are hired initially as a P.A. and from there build their careers."

Thomas added, "The P.A. Boot Camp goes into a level of detail that could never be captured in a textbook."

Production Assistant Boot Camp
Valley College — Monarch Hall
[locations for later weeks tentative]
Five Saturdays (Oct. 29 - Dec. 3)
9 a.m. to 5 p.m.
No class on Nov. 26
For more information contact:
Royston Thomas at (213) 891-2067

MOVIE REVIEW

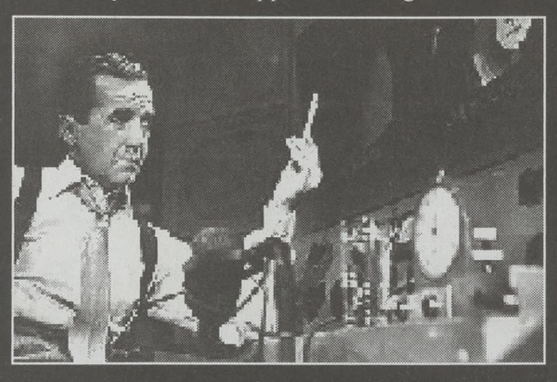
"Luck" Has Nothing to Do With It

"Good Night, and Good Luck"
Director: George Clooney
Features: David Strathairn, George Clooney
★★★★ out of 5

BY LAGINA PHILLIPS
ONLINE EDITOR

The docudrama on the keystone of early broadcast journalism, "Good Night, and Good Luck," is much more than a history lesson of "This was the way we did news in my day," sputtered by your pipe-toting grandfather.

The story of newsman Edward R. Murrow's battle in the 1950s with communist-hunting Sen. Joseph McCarthy is masterfully told through black-and-white cinematography and eloquent, concise dialog. The film tells the story of what happened during a five-month period in late 1953 to early 1954 from the newsroom perspective, without straying into the characters' personal lives or McCarthy's dealings outside of what the CBS news team covered.



COURTESY OF THE ELECTRIC LIBRARY

THE MAN HIMSELF - Edward R. Murrow came to fame as a broadcast journalist after making a name for himself on radio, going overseas to cover WWII.

CBS's Murrow did for broadcast journalism in the early 1950s what The Washington Post's Bob Woodward and Carl Bernstein did for print journalism in the early 1970s, when they exposed President Richard Nixon as being behind the Watergate scandal.

Murrow's pioneering CBS show "See it Now" served as the platform for a series of episodes revealing McCarthy's fear-exploiting ways to the public. Murrow's crusade to bring his viewers the truth at any cost led to the end of McCarthy's reign of terror as chair of the House of Un-American Activities Committee, but also led to the end of Murrow's career.

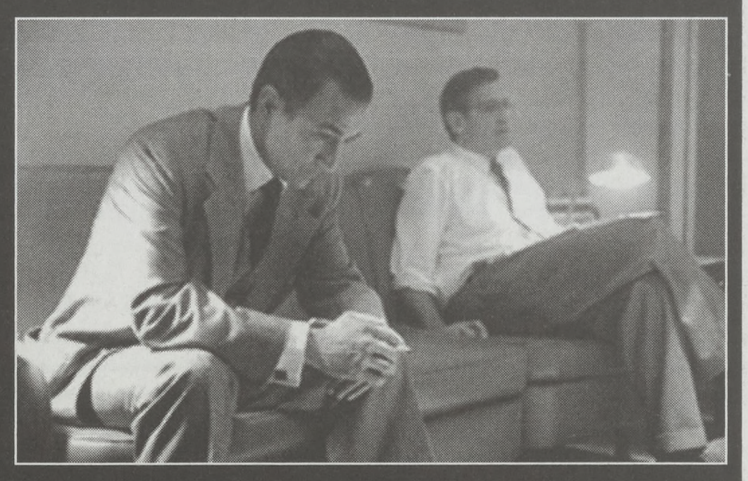
After airing the controversial McCarthy-centered episodes, CBS's head honcho, William Paley nervously allows Murrow and producer Fred Friendly to air what they please. But after advertisers start to pull out, Paley starts killing the show slowly; first by knocking it down from a weekly show to sporadic slots and reducing its frequency and then finally pulling the plug in 1958.

Murrow's team of newsmen, including Friendly (George Clooney) and Joe Wershba (Robert Downey Jr.), stood behind him throughout his tread through uncharted waters. The team, known as "Murrow's Boys," went on to become respected broadcast journalists in their own right.

The cast, led by David Strathairn as Murrow, is rounded out by Clooney, Downey, Patricia Clarkson, Jeff Daniels and Tate Donovan. The brainchild of Clooney, who serves as co-writer and director as well as supporting actor, the film weaves actual clips of McCarthy into scenes with the actors portraying the CBS newsmen.

By using clips of McCarthy instead of orchestrating a re-enactment, Clooney pays homage to Murrow's technique. In CBS's McCarthy exposé Murrow ran 25 minutes of uninterrupted footage of the senator, letting McCarthy use his own words to hang himself.

Clooney and his clan pull off documenting a historical event and give viewers a fly-on-the-wall perspective into the CBS newsroom without pounding the audience over the head with mundane details and sensationalizing the hero of the story.



COURTESY OF WARNER INDEPENDENT PICTURES

DEADLY DUO - Edward R. Murrow (David Strathairn) and Fred Friendly (George Clooney) contemplate their next move in their quest to expose McCarthy.

Monarchs Marked by Cougars

■ Unable to maintain momentum, Valley remains winless for season.

BY NICK SANTONI
STAFF WRITER

The atmosphere at Monarch Stadium was so pumped up for the game with the Southwest College Cougars. The usually barren bleachers were half-full. Even the audio accompaniments for the game improved – the broadcast booth had a multitude of new songs to cue up for the hopeful fans. But, the team would sing an ever-familiar song on the field.

Unable to keep any momentum when the team appeared on the verge of getting something started, the Monarchs sputtered again in a 35-17 defeat, bringing their season record to a dismal 0-6.

Afterward, the players and coaches had a combination of disappointment and frustration written across their faces, perhaps none more so than head coach Jimmy Sims. The sound of his voice confirmed the obvious.

"We're all hurting, we're all disappointed," said a downtrodden Sims following his team's sixth straight loss. "I'm not going to use the team's youth as any sort of excuse, but it is what it is. No one feels the failures of this team more than I do."

The Monarchs were down 20-3 at the half, as the Cougars' running game got established. Running back Darryll Crummie ran in two touchdowns—one from 21 yards out, the other from 25. Plus, Aaron Huntly got involved, diving in from one-yard out before the half ended. The Monarchs' lone score was a 31-yard field goal from place-kicker Christian Guardado.

"The defensive-line got too low," said Monarch Defensive-captain Bryant Barrientos on containing the Cougar offense. "A lot of guys quit the team, and it has taken a toll on our energy. We're just trying to stay together, and be a family. This is a rebuilding process for next year."

> "A lot of guys quit the team, and it has taken a toll on our energy. We're just trying to stay together, and be a family. This is a rebuilding process for next year."
>
> *- Bryant Barrientos*
> *Defensive Captain*

Meanwhile, the Monarch quarterbacking duties were split between Freshman Troy Jackson, and Sophomore Corey Jones. Each quarterback brings a different angle to the Monarch offense — Jackson content to stay in the pocket, Jones more adept to scramble his way out of pressure. But the Cougar defense was too strong for the Monarch offensive-line to contain. Jackson and Jones were hurried the majority of their possessions. Jackson had more trouble this game than any other all season. While he was able to complete 16/28 passes for 176 yards, he seemed to lack comfort behind his line, intercepted three times and sacked twice. One particularly big sack sidelined Jackson for good midway through the fourth quarter. He was unavailable for comment after the game.

The third quarter started off on a good note for the Monarchs. At the end of a nine-play scoring drive, Jackson hooked up with wide-receiver Antoine Palmer in the endzone. The 21-yard catch was the Monarchs' first touchdown of the game, making the score 20-10. The Monarchs were gathering momentum.

Then, The Monarch Defense came up strong in holding the Cougars to three-and-out on the next possession. The Monarchs glimpsed a ray of hope. But unfortunately, no sooner than it had shined, was it taken away — literally. Jackson was picked-off by Cougar defensive-back Jeremy Powell for a 13-yard touchdown return, making it 28-10 with six minutes remaining in the third quarter. And with that, the momentum permanently swung back to the Cougars' side.

Punctuating the Cougar victory (now 3-3) was one last touchdown-pass from Josh Williams, a 12-yard reception to running back Aaron Huntly. Down 35-10, the Monarchs never recovered; and were lucky to get one more score — a four-yard run from running back Abel Hererra after a passing-interference penalty got the Monarchs within the Cougar five-yard line.

Although, it probably goes without saying, coach Sims summed up the team's approach in what evidently has become a year fraught with struggle. "The guys that left the team weren't willing to put in the work. Everyone who's left has the heart and desire to play…and win. No one wants to lose. I'm proud of these guys, and it's tough to keep our heads up. But if anyone can do it, these guys can. In time, the results will be there."

Maybe the fans will have something to cheer about come season's end.

The Monarchs will play the homecoming game against Santa Barbara Oct. 29 at 7 p.m.

LACCD e7 Student Interns Program

PAID STUDENT INTERNSHIP POSITIONS

LACCD has launched a new program to create hundreds of new *Paid Internship Positions*

To Be Eligible For An Intern Position, Students Must:

- Be enrolled at one of the nine LA Community College Campuses for a minimum of six (6) units
- Complete an internship application online at www.e7interns.org
- Submit a resume online
- Print and obtain a faculty referral/recommendation for an internship

Students enrolled at EAST L.A., HARBOR, LACC, LATTC, LAVC, MISSION, PIERCE, SOUTHWEST, and WEST L.A. COLLEGE (from all majors, certificate programs or continuing education classes) are eligible to apply.

DISCLAIMER: PLEASE NOTE THAT INTERN POSITIONS MAY BE FILLED AT ANY TIME.

For more information or application assistance please visit:
Michael Flores at the Cooperative Education Center
every THURSDAY from 11:00 am - 1:00 pm.

Or visit our website at:
www.e7interns.org
You may also call 310/448-8806 for more information

The e7 Interns Program is sponsored by PVJOBS is funded by Proposition A/AA in partnership with LACCD and DMJM/JGM.

Welcome to Our Family

Supporting all of these fine California Institutions

U.S. Bank is proud to be the Official Financial Services provider of the California Community Colleges Commission on Athletics.

Visit us at one of the following convenient locations for all your student banking needs:

Encino Office
15910 Ventura Blvd, Encino, CA 91436

West Hollywood Office
8901 Santa Monica Blvd, W Hollywood, CA 90069

Beverly Hills Office
9595 Wilshire Blvd, Beverly Hills, CA 90212

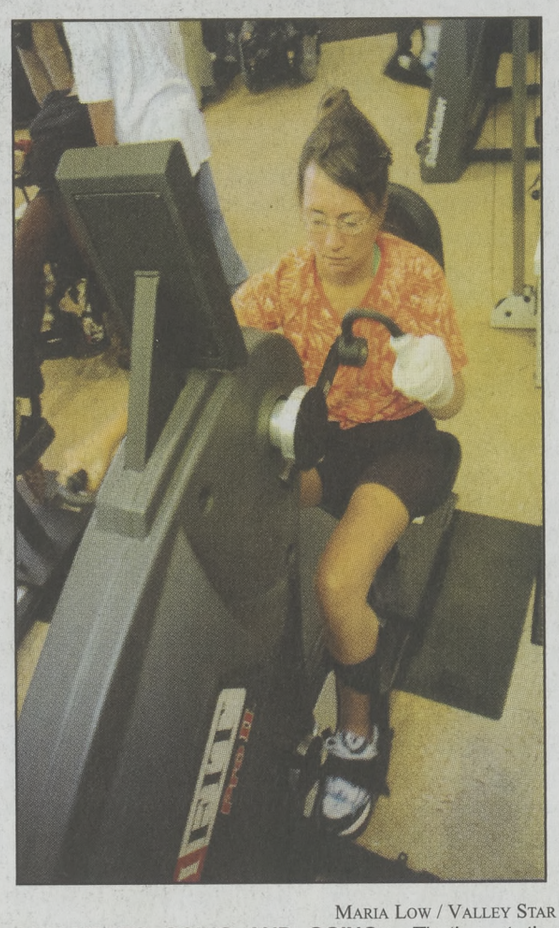
usbank.com
Member FDIC

usbank
Five Star Service Guaranteed

GALLERY

MARIA LOW / VALLEY STAR

SET TO GET WET - Tracy arrives at the Valley College pool to begin another day's water therapy.



MARIA LOW / VALLEY STAR

SHE KEEPS GOING AND GOING - That's not the Energizer Bunny on that stationary bike, it's Tracy Grimes. She's a regular at Valley College's Fitness Center.

The Water Spirit

Photos and Text by Maria Low

Once upon a time, there was a woman named Tracy Grimes.

Eighteen years ago, Tracy fell under the spell of a month-long coma that left her with limited mobility in her limbs. After that, she went through a divorce and lost custody of her children.

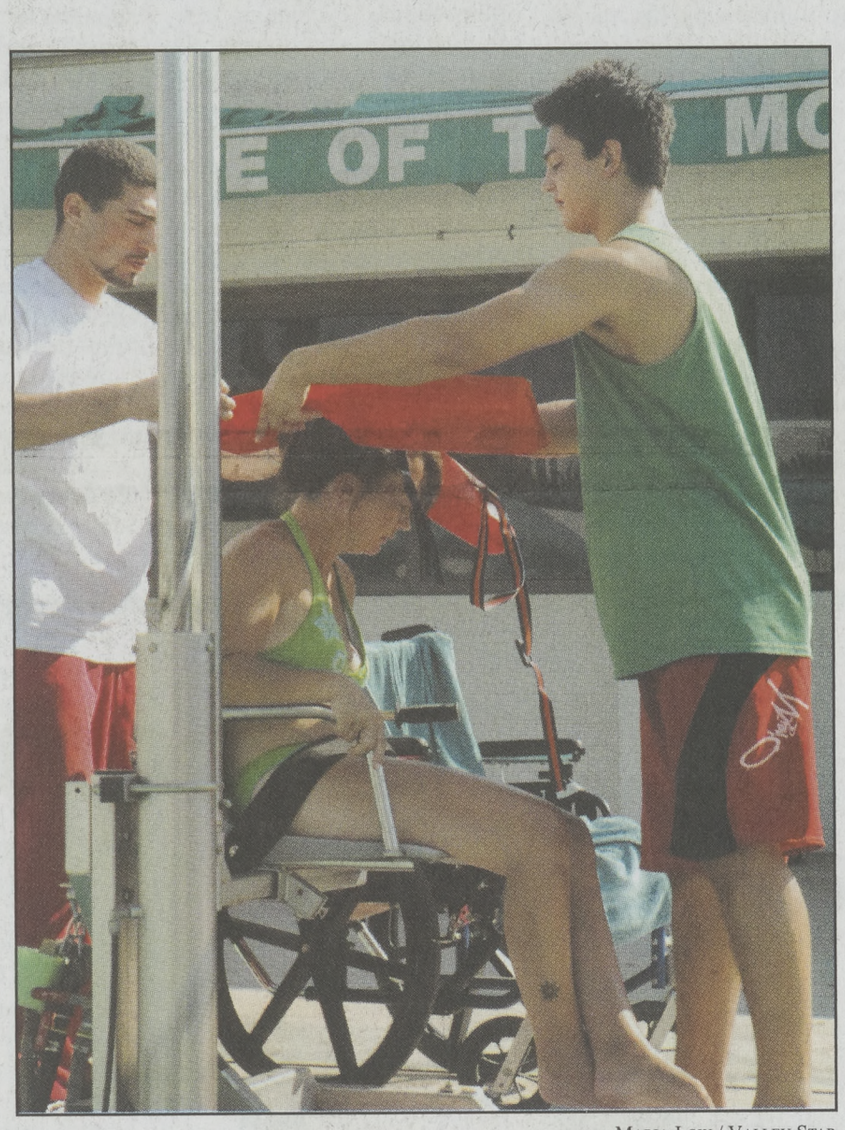
Tracy had lived mostly in isolation since then until her most recent aide, Aura "Liz" Lopez. Through Liz's insistence, Tracy enrolled in the adaptive P.E. program at Valley College under the supervision of instructor Jim Gayton. He designed a plan that included extensive physical therapy in the Valley pool. The problem was finding someone to help with her water therapy.

After months of searching, Tracy had become discouraged that she would ever find someone to come to her assistance.

In swam the man she calls "Prince Charming": Daniel Imam, a Valley lifeguard and biology student. His patience and Tracy's desire to improve have been the perfect combination.

Daniel says, "It's fun, like a mission. When you reach your goal, it's very rewarding."

Tracy says, "I do not quit. I just keep going and going."



MARIA LOW / VALLEY STAR

WE'LL ALL FLOAT ON - The bright red gives her green swimsuit a Christmasy feeling, but Tracy is just happy to be present these days.

MARIA LOW / VALLEY STAR

MAY I HAVE THIS DANCE? - Lifeguard Daniel Imam leads Tracy through her exercise regimen. She says that her pool time helps her heal faster and generally improves her well-being.

MARIA LOW / VALLEY STAR

YOUR CARRIAGE, MADAME - Tracy's workout will continue at home, where she uses built-in bars to lift herself and build her strength. Not long ago, she was totally useless in the kitchen. Now she can at least help her aides do the cooking - a big step toward what she hopes will eventually be independence. Look closely: Those sneakers are made of glass.